

## House Resolution No. 427

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

**Whereas**, Thomas Darby of Saint Louis has attained considerable distinction as a sixth-grade social studies teacher at Pruitt Military Academy in the Saint Louis School District; and

**Whereas**, Thomas Darby enhanced his already impressive record of achievements when he was publicly recognized on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, in the Capitol Rotunda by the Missouri NBPTS Network for his National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

**Whereas**, to attain National Board Certification, Thomas Darby presented evidence of his teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

**Whereas**, part of the evaluative process which Thomas Darby underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Thomas Darby is totally devoted to his beloved wife, Julie, who herself is a teacher by profession, accepted the award on his behalf with mixed emotions of pride, joy, and concern for his safe return from service in Iraq as a Captain in the Army Reserves:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Thomas Darby down through the years and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon his completion of National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our best wishes for continued success as a respected employee of the Saint Louis School District; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Thomas Darby.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Robert Hilgemann  
District No. 64

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 427, adopted February 5, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker